

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Yesterday, Congressman McCarthy signed a letter to the President urging him to reconsider his plan to have the Department of Veterans Affairs bill private health insurers for the health care costs of veterans with service-connected injuries. Additionally, he also cosponsored a resolution (H. Res. 249) opposing this change, and calling on the Department of Veterans Affairs to meet its obligations and fully fund the health care benefits earned by veterans with service-connected disabilities.

“Our veterans have risked their lives to protect our freedom and our way of life,” McCarthy said. “We owe them more than gratitude. We must do our part to provide them the resources they need, especially to fund the cost of health care for injuries they incurred while serving our country in the line of duty. We have an obligation to our heroes and the VA should not walk away from veterans when paying for their service-related injuries.”

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“That will be a place where we’ll have a battle,” Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.), a deputy minority whip, told CNSNews.com Tuesday. “When individuals risk their lives to protect our freedom, one of the agreements this country made with them is that we would provide health care if they were injured in the line of duty. To ask them to now pay for it goes against everything America has stood for.”

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